

QUARTERLY SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

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Quarter ended 31st March, 1943

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1.—POPULATION AND MIGRATION.

Period.	Population at end of period (a).			Natural Increase	Migration—Civil only. Increase + ; Decrease —		
	Males.	Females	Total.		Oversea.	Inter- state.	Total.
Year ended—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
31st December, 1932	290,254	289,039	579,293	3,564	—363	— 987	—1,350
1934	292,519	291,775	584,294	3,056	— 32	— 1,407	—1,439
1936	294,807	294,505	589,312	3,447	+242	— 820	— 578
1938	297,549	297,560	595,109	3,871	+346	— 309	+ 37
1939	299,635	298,828	598,463	3,879	+424	— 949	— 525
1940	297,849	300,242	598,091	4,309	+460	— 5,141	—4,681
1941	302,021	303,668	605,689	—	—	—	—
March Quarter, 1941	297,533	300,408	597,941	1,232	+ 35	— 1,417	—1,382
1942	303,337	304,983	608,320	—	—	—	—
June Quarter, 1941	298,305	301,142	599,447	1,108	+ 11	+ 387	+398
Sept. Quarter, 1941	300,095	302,300	602,395	—	—	—	—
1942	303,092	305,648	608,740	—	—	—	—

Metropolitan Population, 31st December, 1941, approximately 350,000.

(a) Inclusive of all S.A. troops enlisted, irrespective of present location, and exclusive of other troops, prisoners of war, etc.

2.—BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES.

Period.	Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Infantile
				Deaths.
Year, 1931.....	9,079	4,888	3,069	330
1932.....	8,521	4,957	3,636	312
1934.....	8,459	5,403	4,310	301
1935.....	8,270	5,163	4,845	289
1936.....	8,911	5,464	5,182	277
1938.....	9,410	5,539	5,489	287
1939.....	9,618	5,739	5,670	336
1940.....	10,017	5,708	6,950	356
1941.....	10,965	6,288	6,855	356
1942.....	11,278	6,712	8,129	445
January, 1942.....	807	445	731	28
1943.....	1,061	514	503	39
February, 1942.....	862	383	625	24
1943.....	929	514	503	38
March, 1942.....	1,136	561	784	28
1943.....	1,265	517	832	37
March, Quarter, 1942.....	2,805	1,389	2,140	80
1943.....	3,255	1,545	1,838	114

3.—RAINFALL.

Period.	Over Agricultural Areas, 1943.							State 37 Years' Mean.	Adelaide.	
	Central.	Lower North	Upper North	South- East.	Wes- tern.	Murray Mallee.	State.		1943.	105 Years' Mean.
	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.		In.	In.
January .....	.54	.45	.19	.45	.31	.45	.38	.61	.84	.78
February	1.72	2.12	2.23	1.44	1.50	1.11	1.63	.73	3.18	.74
March .....	.15	.04	.04	.31	.02	.05	.08	.74	.09	1.02
April	1.70	1.23	.90	2.30	.94	1.06	1.14	.95	2.57	1.76
April to November.								Jan. to Dec.		
1942.....	21.22	15.92	10.50	25.32	15.28	13.42	16.63	—	25.44	21.18
1941.....	13.93	11.18	6.40	17.07	9.64	10.33	11.08	—	22.56	—
Mean, 37 years.	15.74	11.96	8.58	19.11	10.86	10.17	12.37	12.37	—	—

4.—EMPLOYMENT—MONTHLY INDEX FIGURES.

(Base July, 1933 = 100.)

	January.			February.			March.		
	1941.	1942.	1943.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1941.	1942.	1943.
State Government (a)	115	125	116	120	129	120	120	128	120
Commonwealth									
Government ... (a)	141	165	205	144	170	207	148	178	208
Local Government (a)	97	80	76	107	79	76	109	80	
Public Bodies (a)	109	111	113	111	111	113	113	108	
Retailers (b)	116	118	103	111	116	102	110	115	
Factories (b)	198	247	264	205	248	266	214	255	

(a) Complete. (b) Returns received from representative firms only.

NOTE.—Factories are shown as such and not included under other headings.

5. UNEMPLOYMENT AND FACTORIES EMPLOYMENT.

Particulars.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
Trade Unionists unemployed per cent.	9.4	7.3	9.4	8.8	4.5	1.6
Labour Exchange Registrations end June	8,033	7,739	8,574	5,978	1,745	b
Employment in Factories						
Index No. (a)	127	138	136	141	165	207
	January.		February.		March.	
	1942.	1943.	1942.	1943.	1942.	1943.
Trade Unionists unemployed per cent.	—	—	1.0		—	—
Labour Exchange Registrations end month	No.	b	b	b	b	b
Employment in Factories,						
Index No. (a).....	210	224	211	225	216	—

(a) Base, 1929-30 = 100. (b) Not recorded, practically Nil. January, 1942, 148.

6.—STATE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Period.	Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	Land and Income Tax.	Other Taxa- tion.	Rail- ways.	Total (including Other).	Public Debt (a)	Rail- ways (b)	Unem- ployed Relief.	Total (including Other).
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Year, 1931-32	1,919	1,157	2,760	10,482	5,439	2,061	853	11,545
1932-33	1,561	1,172	2,771	10,161	5,346	2,023	632	11,170
1933-34	1,648	1,261	2,609	10,188	5,203	2,065	542	11,032
1934-35	1,825	1,399	2,649	11,002	4,982	2,147	490	10,965
1935-36	1,789	1,415	2,851	11,409	4,934	2,324	415	11,280
1936-37	1,978	1,563	3,000	11,739	4,976	2,471	375	11,600
1937-38	2,358	1,564	3,293	12,461	5,061	2,765	319	12,334
1938-39	2,424	1,692	3,165	12,304	5,096	2,851	304	12,701
1939-40	2,679	1,884	3,145	12,756	5,247	2,844	336	12,918
1940-41	2,782	1,560	3,482	12,925	5,286	2,938	169	13,008
1941-42	3,119	1,623	4,858	15,002	5,336	3,542	34	13,712
January, 1942	268	105	354	1,302	709	298	1	1,341
1943	219	116	476	1,385	733	355	—	1,456
February, 1942	213	105	362	1,139	326	266	3	938
1943	281	86	559	1,378	316	348	—	1,022
March, 1942	365	300	389	1,456	377	283	2	1,091
1943	335	192	405	1,355	346	376	—	1,301
March Quarter, 1942	846	510	1,105	3,897	1,412	847	6	3,370
1943	835	394	1,440	4,118	1,395	1,079	—	3,779
July-March, 1942	1,844	1,269	3,183	10,350	4,080	2,611	29	10,075
1943	1,388	986	4,213	10,667	4,052	3,210	—	10,929

(a) Interest, Exchange and Sinking Fund.

(b) Includes Pensions for annual figures, but not for monthly and quarterly.

7.—PUBLIC DEBT—STATE.

Date.	Public Debt.	Trust Funds, Bank Balances, etc.	Total Indebtedness.	Per Head.		
				£	£	s. d.
30th June, 1932	101,599,232	1,519,244	103,118,476	178	7	9
1933	103,707,332	1,378,540	105,085,872	180	17	9
1934	105,419,280	1,262,812	106,682,092	182	18	1
1935	105,349,536	1,008,703	106,358,239	181	17	4
1936	105,698,481	1,833,739	107,532,220	183	2	0
1937	106,594,164	2,131,201	108,725,365	184	13	11
1938	107,450,640	1,944,607	109,395,247	184	14	0
1939	108,887,092	1,420,158	110,307,250	185	3	0
1940	109,344,040	1,365,283	110,709,323	185	0	8
1941	109,779,724	2,041,800	111,821,524	186	10	10
1942	109,190,224	1,281,395	110,471,619	182	18	5
31st Mar., 1942	111,289,724	62,527	111,352,251	184	0	0
1943	109,356,924	256,903	109,513,827	180	0	0

NOTE.—During the year ended 30th June, 1935, the amount of £804,988 was written off the Public Debt, being portion of Soldier Settlement Debt taken over by the Commonwealth.

8. TRADING BANKS (ex. State and Commonwealth Banks).

Period.	Deposits.				Advances to Deposits.	
	Bearing Interest.		Not Bearing Interest.			
	£	%	£	%		
June Quarter						
1932	16,939,770	77.63	4,881,337	22.37	21,821,107	17,913,525
1933	17,314,999	77.64	4,987,061	22.36	22,302,060	18,608,501
1934	17,785,796	76.10	5,586,432	23.90	23,372,228	18,625,748
1935	17,173,844	74.21	5,967,563	25.79	23,141,407	19,595,659
1936	17,012,925	72.60	6,421,975	27.40	23,434,900	19,240,000
1937	18,079,031	71.51	7,204,074	28.49	25,283,105	18,443,318
1938	18,559,625	73.47	6,701,860	26.53	25,261,485	19,306,744
1939	18,845,522	74.18	6,558,821	25.82	25,404,343	19,808,154
1940	19,286,074	71.71	7,606,718	28.29	26,892,792	17,911,061
1941	18,947,340	68.92	8,546,437	31.08	27,493,777	16,889,318
1942	18,499,019	61.46	11,600,937	38.54	30,099,956	15,362,011
Mar. Quarter						
1942	18,880,922	63.38	10,911,343	36.62	29,792,265	15,735,775
1943	19,044,898	56.47	14,683,092	43.53	33,727,990	13,170,643

NOTE.—State and Commonwealth Banks, March Quarter, 1943. Advances, £2,201,211; Deposits, Bearing Interest, £5,711,864; Not Bearing Interest, £2,656,167; Total, £8,368,031.

9. SAVINGS BANKS AND BANK CLEARINGS.

Period.	Savings Banks (State and Commonwealth).			Bank Clearings.	
	Accounts Open.	Deposits.	Per Head.	Total.	Weekly Average.
				£	£
1931-32	572,051	21,566,825	37 6 2	100,419,134	1,919,426
1932-33	584,004	22,515,288	38 15 1	108,566,658	2,079,464
1933-34	595,524	23,437,505	40 3 8	115,558,007	2,214,061
1934-35	607,724	24,184,988	41 7 1	124,254,209	2,385,660
1935-36	622,609	25,308,586	43 1 10	136,851,967	2,592,203
1936-37	645,313	26,505,941	45 0 6	151,281,047	2,900,357
1937-38	657,814	27,243,654	45 19 11	158,944,202	3,039,755
1938-39	669,685	27,397,028	45 19 9	153,932,144	2,952,870
1939-40	677,685	26,563,287	44 7 11	167,988,303	3,219,186
1940-41	692,120	27,509,706	45 17 10	182,332,702	3,498,544
1941-42	721,800	30,615,989	50 8 4	207,434,796	3,970,325
Jan., 1942	703,957	29,080,018	48 0 0	15,841,415	3,366,213
1943	740,757	34,444,642	56 10 0	17,981,063	4,214,340
Feb., 1942	706,189	28,667,380	47 5 0	18,468,082	4,490,404
1943	746,303	35,435,674	58 0 0	18,801,956	4,599,442
March, 1942	715,189	28,906,525	47 15 0	18,215,501	4,304,242
1943	751,077	36,424,891	59 10 0	24,100,476	5,277,354

10. OVERSEA TRADE (DIRECT).

Period.	Exports.		Imports.	Excess Exports.
	£ Aus.	£ Stg.		
1931-32	12,264,227	9,772,000	2,821,538	6,950,462
1932-33	12,802,189	10,242,000	3,760,324	6,481,676
1933-34	12,718,325	10,175,000	3,679,412	6,495,588
1934-35	11,834,784	9,468,000	3,965,808	5,502,192
1935-36	15,381,124	12,305,000	5,419,960	6,885,040
1936-37	16,748,140	13,399,000	5,438,429	7,960,571
1937-38	19,057,243	15,246,000	7,473,802	7,772,198
1938-39	14,841,507	11,873,000	5,851,043	6,021,957
July-April, 1938-39	13,074,056	10,459,000	4,854,923	5,604,077
1939-40	11,890,218	9,512,000	5,693,556	3,818,444

NOTE.—Publication of Trade Statistics since suspended.

11.—OVERSEA EXPORTS (PRINCIPAL ITEMS).

Article.	Unit.	Year.				July-March.	
		1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1938-39.	1939-40.
Quantities—							
Barley	bush.	3,360,946	2,312,332	4,390,374	2,248,212	1,732,502	748,134
Flour	ton	60,137	58,590	68,231	86,678	63,885	59,079
Wheat	bush.	22,669,070	16,770,810	28,805,592	18,486,303	15,407,166	7,216,719
Butter	lb.	7,953,012	7,291,690	8,809,153	7,385,564	6,141,640	8,411,809
Cheese	lb.	3,898,651	7,289,309	10,109,467	12,907,683	11,090,920	13,763,100
Eggs in shell	doz.	3,456,050	2,745,480	1,225,550	1,395,540	1,395,240	1,395,660
Lamb	carcasses	342,177	420,374	376,893	667,248	666,324	687,823
Wool (a)	lb.	75,847,402	70,875,617	68,008,006	87,272,802	71,628,812	59,810,385
Currents and raisins	lb.	27,504,426	25,108,567	38,507,866	42,692,777	16,723,395	7,123,045
Wine	gall.	3,427,516	3,679,365	3,478,450	3,440,509	2,915,384	2,670,260
Concentrates (Silver, etc.)	cwt.	3,749,405	2,393,740	3,171,943	4,077,760	2,889,577	2,035,271
Lead	cwt.	2,131,846	1,796,399	2,057,624	1,994,054	1,641,441	1,273,469
Values (Australian Currency)—							
Barley	£	353,533	432,079	746,661	279,311	218,883	88,804
Flour	£	422,809	558,675	617,446	498,396	374,708	379,018
Wheat	£	4,087,227	4,386,206	6,306,741	2,532,065	2,077,953	950,407
Butter	£	400,509	395,448	496,326	413,471	322,946	464,494
Cheese	£	80,851	166,122	294,136	372,776	321,875	409,149
Eggs in shell	£	165,892	140,542	68,441	75,915	75,894	72,329
Lamb	£	288,017	352,575	367,078	682,682	681,973	712,973
Wool	£	3,780,550	4,071,953	3,267,842	3,461,417	2,859,747	2,962,018
Currents and raisins	£	512,714	459,518	730,550	787,524	312,598	138,060
Wine	£	870,710	955,033	857,291	919,983	784,317	696,988
Concentrates (Silver, etc.)	£	531,685	737,060	684,856	553,410	432,379	355,944
Lead	£	1,759,672	2,080,903	1,992,168	1,846,630	1,535,546	1,280,425

(a) Including scoured converted to greasy.

12. OVERSEA IMPORTS (PRINCIPAL ITEMS).

Article.	Year.				July-March.	
	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1938-39.	1939-40.
(British Currency.)						
Apparel and attire	£	61,419	62,758	78,970	74,326	61,056
Bags and sacks		312,623	315,346	300,072	274,076	239,516
Fertilizers—Rock phosphates		129,773	129,015	131,000	138,981	94,833
Iron and steel		433,653	350,041	794,299	311,174	271,827
Machines and machinery	...	601,041	730,242	1,111,567	912,006	757,302
Motor bodies, chassis, etc.	...	375,010	373,703	515,185	354,923	272,870
Petrol, etc.		417,979	421,437	562,893	495,219	379,969
Kerosene		68,194	62,706	124,132	66,751	48,480
Other oils in bulk		180,426	165,611	249,986	245,930	148,325
Paper		195,972	269,392	224,787	234,798	163,253
Stationery, books, etc.		111,022	109,701	131,959	147,968	96,909
Tea		111,940	121,758	113,900	108,425	82,556
Textiles, piecegoods, etc.		610,588	612,363	733,714	600,050	477,792
Timber		274,150	175,886	526,309	294,297	207,644

13.—RAILWAYS (SUMMARY).

Period.	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses. a.	Train Miles Run.	Passengers Carried.	Goods and Livestock.	Passenger Mileage.
Year 1931-32 ..	£ 2,757,123	£ 1,921,744	No. 4,914,265	No. 15,608,384	Tons. 2,430,226	1,000m. 166,409
1933-34 ..	2,570,837	1,937,913	4,930,271	16,325,004	2,154,639	175,559
1935-36 ..	2,890,710	2,193,457	5,462,146	17,430,674	2,481,568	189,061
1936-37 ..	3,021,662	2,331,334	5,606,353	17,776,629	2,400,423	205,329
1937-38 ..	3,299,084	2,612,562	6,111,121	17,632,125	2,897,351	200,144
1938-39 ..	3,133,373	2,675,299	6,177,407	17,528,651	2,661,168	212,982
1939-40 ..	3,183,562	2,679,622	5,928,416	17,641,766	2,700,163	220,037
1940-41 ..	3,530,166	2,804,490	5,892,240	20,360,011	2,770,374	277,570
1941-42 ..	4,857,980	3,542,136	6,598,746	28,512,513	3,127,900	434,465
Dec., 1941	380,032	319,364	543,387	2,697,027	228,492	44,360
1942	605,862	395,402	547,961	2,948,862	262,386	52,263
Jan., 1942	354,416	294,446	542,398	2,268,178	249,735	35,116
1943	476,577	354,607	553,882	2,410,842	262,267	46,545
Feb., 1942	361,456	269,287	512,854	2,234,025	258,357	33,143
1943	558,970	348,334	510,776	2,488,247	251,126	39,947
July-Feb., 1941-42	2,793,519	2,318,221	4,283,391	17,748,462	1,984,265	257,558
1942-43	3,807,997	2,834,450	4,514,188	20,283,566	2,278,845	333,568

a Excluding pensions and capital charges.

14.—RAILWAYS (TON-MILEAGES).

Period.	Gross Ton Mileage.					Net Ton Mileage. (Revenue)
	Passenger.	Freight.	Mixed.	Depart- mental.	Total.	
Year—	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.
1931-32	262,756	681,354	25,997	15,482	985,589	287,654
1933-34	292,016	677,057	21,649	19,034	1,009,756	265,720
1935-36	355,657	800,899	20,404	17,599	1,194,559	312,839
1936-37	405,689	823,513	24,132	25,112	1,278,446	314,515
1937-38	421,956	950,375	27,297	33,909	1,433,537	365,066
1938-39	421,187	951,051	25,840	31,844	1,429,922	348,614
1939-40	411,719	876,011	57,412	28,742	1,373,884	336,980
1940-41	445,798	852,168	104,134	40,428	1,442,528	330,947
1941-42	565,082	981,115	149,795	30,963	1,726,955	385,861
Dec., 1941	51,470	69,028	9,947	5,383	135,828	27,433
1942	48,138	80,532	12,939	6,833	148,442	32,466
Jan., 1942	50,479	74,828	9,938	1,229	136,474	28,329
1943	47,639	86,517	13,173	3,200	150,529	33,800
Feb., 1942	43,996	79,006	11,655	1,466	136,123	30,076
1943	44,687	80,367	9,230	2,831	137,115	31,400
July-Feb., 1941-42	369,995	621,813	79,125	20,488	1,091,421	236,880
1942-43	364,016	753,128	90,512	24,541	1,232,197	288,283

15.—TRAMWAYS (DAILY AVERAGES).

Period.	Gross Revenue.	Passenger Journeys.	Tram Miles.	Electricity.
	£	No.	No.	A.C. Units.
Year ended July, 1932.....	1,802	132,424	20,054	69,928
1934.....	1,720	128,820	20,224	71,751
1936.....	1,841	138,317	21,705	76,201
1937.....	1,916	142,689	22,087	77,209
1938.....	1,897	141,572	22,716	81,081
1939.....	1,948	144,948	23,869	87,084
1940.....	1,996	150,064	24,252	88,755
January, 1942.....	2,592	189,465	25,445	107,193
1943.....	3,163	233,242	26,351	116,537
9th November to 6th December, 1941 ..	2,788	204,639	26,071	110,942
8th November to 5th December, 1942 ..	3,283	244,057	26,551	115,170
7th Dec., 1941, to 31st Jan., 1942	3,058	219,349	26,471	107,734
6th Dec., 1942, to 2nd Jan., 1943	3,477	261,329	27,296	112,371
3rd January to 31st January, 1943.....	3,538	251,082	26,728	113,547
1st February to 28th February, 1942 ..	2,995	215,707	25,928	108,296
1st February to 13th March, 1943.....	3,355	256,807	27,297	119,140

16.—MOTOR REGISTRATIONS. (See also No. 17).

Period.	Cars.		Commercial Vehicles.		Cycles.	
	1942.	1943.	1942.	1943.	1942.	1943.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
New Vehicles—						
January	37	20	45	10	21	6
February	29	20	20	14	12	5
March	21	6	33	19	7	5
March Quarter.....	87	46	98	43	40	16
Second-hand Vehicles—						
January	304	708	199	267	171	312
February	312	751	188	280	880	294
March	388	770	208	361	184	344
March Quarter.....	1,004	2,229	595	908	535	950
Renewals—						
March Quarter.....	10,186	12,035	4,413	4,792	1,308	1,530
Cancellations—						
March Quarter.....	769	1,231	402	451	589	377
Expirations—						
March Quarter.....	12,444	12,236	5,192	5,081	2,391	1,870

17.—MOTORS, TELEPHONES, WIRELESS.

Period.	Motor Vehicles in use (a). (excluding vehicles used by defence services.)				Telephone Connections.		Wireless Licences.	
	Cars.	Com- mer- cial Ve- hi- cles.	Cycles.	Total.	New.	Exist- ing (a).	New.	Exist- ing (a).
Year ended Dec., 1931 ..	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1932 ..	45,140	12,139	10,045	67,324	2,869	49,276	10,186	32,075
1933 ..	46,558	12,638	9,736	68,932	3,100	48,608	15,646	43,268
1934 ..	46,413	14,197	10,455	71,065	3,605	48,528	17,903	55,639
1935 ..	48,939	17,267	10,470	76,676	4,882	49,802	21,911	72,337
1936 ..	49,496	17,157	10,741	77,394	5,048	51,516	17,407	81,629
1937 ..	53,728	19,415	11,110	84,253	5,501	53,875	19,867	93,881
1938 ..	56,101	21,728	11,802	88,631	5,727	56,517	20,293	105,045
1939 ..	60,537	24,985	10,213	95,735	6,095	58,960	20,568	115,571
1940 ..	59,345	25,740	9,492	94,577	5,449	61,565	16,460	120,584
1941 ..	58,184	24,499	9,215	91,898	5,977	63,593	16,744	127,995
1942 ..	54,528	24,382	7,262	86,172	6,594	66,374	17,761	136,457
January, 1942	53,558	22,583	5,882	82,023	6,000	67,508	19,386	144,209
January, 1943	54,051	24,287	6,836	85,174	490	66,553	1,058	138,692
February, 1942	53,831	22,671	5,949	82,451	470	67,694	1,640	144,749
February, 1943	53,387	24,107	6,505	83,999	311	66,683	1,081	136,833
March, 1942	54,122	22,745	6,022	82,889	260	67,673	1,451	145,928
March, 1943	52,592	23,894	6,165	82,651	530	66,858	1,165	137,141
March, 1943	54,401	22,794	6,131	83,326	396	67,869	1,582	147,145

(a) At end of period stated.

18.—PRICES (MEAN) ADELAIDE WHOLESALE.

Period.	Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.	Hay.	Bullocks.	Merino Wethers	Lambs.
January, 1942	Bush. s. d.	Bush. s. d.	Bush. s. d.	Tons. £ s. d.	Prime. £ s. d.	Prime. s. d.	Prime. s. d.
1943	a	a	1 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 5 0	12 10 0	15 0	20 3
February, 1942	a	a	1 11	2 12 6	12 17 6	19 6	24 6
February, 1943	a	a	1 10	2 5 0	12 15 0	15 0	21 0
March, 1938	3 9 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 2	2 6	2 4 6	12 2 0	20 0	19 0
1939	1 11 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 2	2 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 15 0	14 13 0	19 3	20 0
1940	a	a	1 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 17 9	12 13 9	20 0	19 3
1941	a	a	3 1	3 5 0	17 7 6	19 6	19 3
1942	a	a	1 10	2 7 6	14 5 0	16 6	20 3
1943	a	a	1 11	2 16 6	14 1 0	21 9	22 3

(a) No quotations.

19.—WOOL SALES.

Period.	Greasy and Scoured.		Amount Realized.	Price per Lb. Greasy.	In Store end Period.
	Bales.	Lb.	£	d.	Bales.
Year, 1931-32	197,954	64,158,321	1,847,946	6.88	14,065
1932-33	262,058	84,832,832	2,604,950	7.32	4,212
1933-34	245,311	76,580,369	4,479,165	13.96	20,045
1934-35	272,724	86,383,700	2,959,314	8.14	4,815
1935-36	263,280	83,102,553	4,151,115	11.92	5,029
1936-37	257,300	80,350,616	4,601,851	13.66	4,040
1937-38	273,056	85,165,647	4,018,205	11.28	13,913
1938-39	325,854	100,982,688	3,842,380	9.10	7,192

From 1939-40, Wool sales were cancelled owing to purchase of wool by British Government; for 1939-40, average price received by growers was 11.935d., and for 1940-41 was 11.85d., 1941-42 was 11.75d. and 1942-43 should be approximately 14.00d.

20.—PRICES—RETAIL ADELAIDE.

Period.	Bread, 2 lb.	Flour, 2 lb.	Tea, lb.	Milk, Quart.	Butter (Fac- tory), lb.	Eggs, Doz.	Potatoes 7 lb.	Beef Ribs, lb.	Mutton Leg, lb.
January, 1942....	6.00	4.55	43.05	6.00	19.05	13.40	14.03	8.30	7.50
1943....	6.00	4.55	40.80	6.50	20.00	22.95	8.19	9.80	9.05
February 1942....	6.00	4.55	41.05	6.00	19.05	15.45	17.28	8.35	7.70
1943....	5.75	4.55	40.95	6.50	20.00	22.90	9.12	9.70	9.10
March, 1938....	5.00	4.25	27.85	5.85	19.05	18.45	6.86	7.60	7.90
1939....	5.50	4.60	27.85	5.85	19.50	17.20	19.57	8.35	8.15
1940....	5.50	4.55	32.15	5.85	19.05	16.95	7.00	7.60	8.10
1941....	5.50	4.55	33.05	5.85	19.05	17.20	9.13	9.40	8.10
1942....	6.00	4.55	41.05	6.00	20.05	19.90	19.12	8.60	7.95
1943....	5.75	4.55	40.95	6.50	20.00	25.45	10.94	9.75	9.30

21.—PRICE INDEX FIGURES (ADELAIDE) AND WAGES.

Base. Six capitals 1923-1927 = 1,000.

Item.	January.		February.		March.	
	1942.	1943.	1942.	1943.	1942.	1943.
Food and groceries	936	998	954	993	978	1,010
Year.						
Food and groceries	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1942.	1943.
Housing (four and five rooms)	897	900	905	1,046	956	1,000
Clothing	888	892	893	893	892	893
Miscellaneous (Hardware, etc.)	863	961	1,120	1,290	1,205	1,368
All items	1,022	1,051	1,127	1,184	1,175	1,213
	906	936	988	1,075	1,034	1,093
March Quarter.						
Food and groceries	897	900	905	1,046	956	1,000
Housing (four and five rooms)	888	892	893	893	892	893
Clothing	863	961	1,120	1,290	1,205	1,368
Miscellaneous (Hardware, etc.)	1,022	1,051	1,127	1,184	1,175	1,213
All items	906	936	988	1,075	1,034	1,093
Per Week—1st. May						
	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Federal Basic Wage—Males	75 0	76 0	78 0	83 0	88 0	93 0
State Basic Wage—Males	74 0	78 0	78 0	84 0	87 0	94 0
State Basic Wage—Females	36 6	38 0	38 0	41 0	43 6	46 2

22.—BUILDING PERMITS (METROPOLITAN AREA).

Period.	Dwellings. (a)		Other Buildings.		Additions.		Total Value (Ex. Govt.)	Value (Govt.)
	No.	£	No.	£	£	£		
Year, 1931	45	28,952	48	163,334	107,938	300,224	23,000	
1932	110	91,508	65	72,294	125,780	289,582	98,909	
1934	385	321,202	102	266,061	221,369	808,632	44,161	
1935	685	616,133	197	416,834	270,190	1,303,157	141,169	
1936	917	714,923	194	236,522	279,707	1,231,152	351,301	
1937	(a)	1,308	1,039,036	195	430,414	319,963	1,789,413	77,671
1938		1,562	1,139,906	196	496,305	395,270	2,031,481	203,650
1939		1,537	1,128,933	186	904,480	348,824	2,382,237	163,904
1940		1,714	1,238,995	98	373,865	360,802	1,973,662	648,082
1941		1,456	1,175,301	113	303,450	267,069	1,745,820	634,261
1942		551	385,740	54	110,504	212,317	708,561	452,803
January, 1942		63	60,125	1	2,787	26,709	89,621	8,301
1943		13	6,612	3	862	49,797	57,271	77,382
February, 1942		54	47,105	4	46,387	16,945	110,437	192,440
1943		17	8,397	6	41,085	11,257	60,739	5,472
March, 1942		120	74,367	3	855	21,799	97,021	8,325
1943		10	4,229	4	4,260	9,854	18,343	88,595
March Quarter, 1942		237	181,597	8	50,029	65,483	297,079	209,066
1943		40	19,238	13	46,207	70,908	136,353	171,449

(a) From 1937 each dwelling unit counted separately.

23.—SALES TAX.

Approximate Amount of Sales by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.

Year.	Taxable Goods.			Total Year.	Taxable and Exempt Goods.			Total Year.
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1932.....	1,069	876	848	11,159	2,416	2,202	2,084	26,577
1934.....	951	698	797	10,014	2,179	1,744	2,385	26,243
1936.....	1,102	902	960	11,909	2,509	2,269	2,294	29,901
1937.....	966	1,148	963	12,587	2,680	2,731	2,717	35,696
1938.....	1,142	962	1,051	12,685	3,354	2,592	3,296	36,968
1939.....	1,172	975	1,041	12,330	2,933	2,538	3,069	35,562
1940.....	1,469	1,063	1,005	12,629	3,944	3,170	2,918	38,311
1941.....	1,591	1,260	1,470	17,524	4,096	2,985	3,594	44,364
1942.....	1,545	1,383	1,433	16,005	3,811	3,967	4,007	46,239
1943.....	1,241	1,242	1,214	—	4,736	3,523	3,948	—

The figures above cannot be compared without allowance for the fact that at various times different commodities have been exempted or become taxable, and the proportion of wholesale trade covered by the returns has been reduced or increased.

24.—COMPANIES, MORTGAGES, ETC.

Period.	S.A. Companies Registered.		Mortgages Registered— Real Estates.		Land Trans- ferred.
	Com- panies.	Authorized Capital.	Loans.	Dis- charges.	
Year 1931.....	No.	£	£	£	£
1931.....	122	2,067,785	7,764,757	2,249,076	6,355,100
1933.....	156	2,200,980	4,013,037	2,778,376	4,849,176
1935.....	150	3,705,132	5,102,905	3,715,313	7,036,500
1937.....	157	3,939,900	7,044,973	4,798,819	9,773,250
1938.....	139	2,630,225	7,224,649	5,343,113	10,648,900
1939.....	149	3,625,928	5,807,137	4,229,509	8,226,650
1940.....	73	611,000	6,024,093	4,569,260	8,224,600
1941.....	48	814,000	5,563,346	4,551,920	9,728,700
1942.....	3	852,500	4,055,841	3,875,892	6,585,800
Jan., 1942	—	—	453,705	398,253	559,700
1943	—	—	530,900	414,840	449,100
Feb., 1942	2	602,500	330,060	289,475	733,700
1943	—	—	249,590	319,517	510,100
Mar., 1942	—	—	425,042	387,877	633,200
1943	—	—	311,420	428,890	665,900
March Quarter, 1942	2	602,500	1,208,807	1,075,605	1,926,600
1943	—	—	1,091,910	1,163,247	1,625,100

25.—BANKRUPTCY (Sequestrations, Deeds, Schemes, Etc.).

Period.		Primary Producers.	Total.	Liabilities.	Assets.	Excess Liabilities.
Year		No.	No.	£	£	£
Year	1931.....	456	996	1,491,178	1,101,919	389,259
	1932.....	316	654	1,341,620	961,257	380,363
	1934.....	373	626	1,484,031	1,017,972	466,059
	1935.....	357	597	1,376,855	753,528	623,327
	1936.....	342	551	1,964,627	1,420,209	544,418
	1937.....	227	468	1,547,794	1,143,739	404,055
	1938.....	245	461	1,526,833	1,070,393	456,440
	1939.....	344	630	1,909,887	1,283,966	625,921
	1940.....	214	437	980,784	778,432	202,352
	1941.....	148	284	782,084	603,883	178,201
Jan.,	1942.....	130	222	775,866	607,705	168,161
	1942.....	7	18	43,855	29,992	13,863
	1943.....	—	3	3,209	3,976	Cr. 767
Feb.,	1942.....	17	21	187,735	159,816	27,919
	1943.....	8	14	48,729	36,208	12,521
Mar.,	1942.....	45	53	182,669	159,392	23,277
	1943.....	16	21	90,488	83,047	7,441
Mar., Quarter, 1942	1942	69	92	414,259	349,200	65,059
	1943.....	24	38	142,426	123,231	19,195

NOTE.—For 1931 and portion of 1932, liabilities and assets of compositions are not included.

26.—BUTTER AND CHEESE PRODUCTION.

Period.	Butter (lb.).			Cheese (lb.).		
	1940-41	1941-42	1942-43	1940-41	1941-42	1942-43
In Factories.						
Jan	1,477,003	1,194,121	1,268,456	1,463,199	1,323,422	1,215,650
February	1,092,074	974,450	974,288	1,030,385	956,642	721,280
March	1,119,869	768,182	911,680	1,113,814	644,280	725,760
July-March	14,583,154	15,123,418	15,101,464	16,177,525	16,616,471	15,585,197
Year.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
In Factories ..	19,842,843	18,374,275	17,632,322	20,549,867	19,427,272	18,614,135
On Farms	3,095,538	3,005,364	2,734,235	180	556	340
Total	22,938,381	21,379,639	20,366,557	20,550,047	19,427,828	18,614,475

27.—SLAUGHTERINGS AT METROPOLITAN ABATTOIRS
 (for home consumption).

Period.	Bullocks.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep.	Lambs.	Pigs.
Jan.-March 1942	No. 8,503	No. 9,033	No. 10,267	No. 115,968	No. 111,083	No. 13,308
1943	10,294	9,173	10,546	100,888	109,647	9,590
January-Dec. 1937	35,734	24,007	45,635	291,487	285,019	40,183
1938	30,562	27,136	45,080	306,068	327,543	31,443
1939	28,216	26,240	42,156	327,660	341,073	29,602
1940	30,950	25,751	47,537	345,381	362,860	38,150
1941	27,496	28,088	44,433	355,970	431,613	60,916
1942	36,667	29,601	44,893	417,954	432,084	48,420

28.—ELECTRICITY.

Sales by Adelaide Electric Supply Co., Ltd. (In British Units).

Year Ended February				Quarter Ended February.	
1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.
94,707,895	108,376,745	126,035,337	137,216,465	35,248,619	40,266,655
1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1942.	1943.
144,504,585	158,024,844	193,926,174	241,569,776	50,768,772	57,895,293

29.—GAS AND ELECTRICITY OUTPUT.

1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.
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Gas (1,000,000 cubic feet).

1,066	1,082	1,090	1,119	1,155	1,182	1,240	1,307
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Electricity (1,000 British Units).

165,598	176,434	200,488	223,925	240,903	256,282	270,415	287,322
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30.—LATEST PRODUCTION STATISTICS AND MISCELLANEOUS DATA NOT ELSEWHERE INCLUDED.

Item.	Unit.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
Wheat.....	acres	3,161,739	3,080,401	2,734,595	2,560,390	2,325,717
	bush.	43,428,423	31,674,418	41,071,696	17,856,118	c30,511,112
	average	13.73	10.28	15.02	6.97	13.12
Barley.....	acres	411,288	457,039	503,548	471,211	478,256
	bush.	8,647,043	7,541,090	9,960,237	4,775,818	11,714,002
	average	21.02	16.50	19.78	10.14	24.49
Oats.....	acres	332,434	266,842	349,018	472,545	291,345
	bush.	2,960,944	2,401,128	4,062,541	1,829,404	3,800,229
	average	8.91	9.00	11.64	3.87	13.04
Hay.....	acres	562,057	519,309	531,614	403,678	557,624
	tons	687,312	585,554	646,075	394,274	748,313
	average	1.22	1.13	1.22	0.98	1.34
Manures used						
Crops	tons	176,351	179,118	170,111	155,851	145,926
Pastures ..	tons	51,196	56,325	53,583	50,452	50,839
Cattle	No.	324,163	318,897	351,013	376,654	399,143
Horses	No.	197,334	195,834	190,013	182,206	171,092
Sheep	No.	8,904,402	9,936,586	9,940,570	10,263,423	10,245,894
Pigs	No.	66,647	71,292	119,660	190,068	114,244
Sheep Shorn .	No.	8,654,764	9,942,135	10,132,619	10,638,154	10,202,966
Wool Clip ...	lb.	74,893,269	88,345,467	91,136,064	92,611,206	91,997,867
Wool Prodn. (a)	lb.	86,606,388	102,888,121	105,265,869	106,646,992	105,124,013
Ewes Mated .	No.	3,662,227	4,202,848	4,436,435	4,631,407	4,515,900
Lambs Marked	No.	2,476,804	3,077,634	3,102,835	3,196,548	2,949,511
Wine—						
Beverage...	gall.	6,928,378	6,045,301	5,387,244	5,250,890	5,091,008
Distillation	gall.	8,960,500	5,101,745	5,792,400	5,815,760	6,048,718
Total ...	gall.	15,888,878	11,147,046	11,179,644	11,066,650	11,139,726
Currents	cwt.	187,332	191,381	208,930	134,904	176,296
Raisins	cwt.	332,178	233,138	299,869	310,346	317,779
Apples	bush.	1,275,486	808,020	589,112	1,750,000	300,000
Oranges.....	bush.	802,255	815,460	754,070	924,122	733,454
Factories						
Establishments	No.	1,980	2,067	2,265	2,230	2,233
Hands ...	No.	44,084	43,371	45,050	50,844	67,000
Wages, etc.	£	8,412,975	8,547,462	8,957,893	10,849,308	16,500,000
Output ...	£	36,239,937	35,005,264	37,696,538	43,600,329	61,000,000
Production						
Value...	£	13,820,155	13,678,930	14,403,520	16,916,102	25,500,000
Life Assurance						
New Policies	No.	54,205	50,057	48,976	48,765	53,485
	£	6,255,724	6,035,238	5,716,856	5,045,062	5,708,094

a Including wool on skins. *b* Estimated. *c* 1942-43 probably 37,000,000 bushels.